


**GENDER JUSTICE  
BEYOND BORDERS  
LEADERSHIP  
PROGRAM**



**YOUTH PERSPECTIVES ON MIGRATION -  
REVISITING THE ISTANBUL CONVENTION**

**16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST  
GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE**

**DECEMBER 13, 2021 / 17.00 - 18.30 CET  
(VIRTUAL)**

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# EVENT OBJECTIVES

Gender-based violence (GBV) is often a cause for migration. Women and girls, as well as LGBTQIA+ and gender diverse persons leave their countries of origin to escape GBV and other related harmful practices. GBV, however, also occurs along migratory routes and in destination countries - not least in Europe, where protection gaps in the prevention, mitigation, and responses to GBV persist.

The objective of the event is to bring together key actors in addressing GBV in migration and to center lived experiences and youth perspectives as a means of envisioning collaborations across institutional levels.

The event will result in the publication of a Spotlight Dossier featuring policy briefs on the Istanbul Convention, migration, and GBV by the youth advocates.

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# EVENT STRUCTURE

The event is structured as a multi-stakeholder dialogue.

Opening remarks will be delivered by

- Diana Riba I Giner - Member of European Parliament (Greens/EFA)

Keynote address will be delivered by

- Noura Bittar Søborg - Refugee Activist (Center for Power Analysis)

The opening remarks and keynote address will be followed by a dialogue between migrant youth leaders and representatives from academia, community-based organizations, as well as expert groups.

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## Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue:

- Isha Mandal - Youth Advocate (Center for Migration, Gender, and Justice)
- Simona Lanzoni - 1st Vice President (Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence - GREVIO)
- Aude Mulliez - People on the Move Program Manager (Empowerment Through Self-Defense - ESDGlobal)
- Ange-Vanessa Nsanzineza - Youth Advocate (Center for Migration, Gender, and Justice)
- Sandra Pertek - Researcher (University of Birmingham/Untold Stories Project)
- Great Udochi - Youth Advocate (Center for Migration, Gender, and Justice)

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Following the multi-stakeholder dialogue, there will be an open floor discussion for participants and speakers to engage further.

Concluding remarks will be delivered by

- Jeran Bernabela - Youth Advocate (Center for Migration, Gender, and Justice)
- Sitara Nath - Youth Advocate (Center for Migration, Gender, and Justice)

The event is guided by the following questions:

- Why are youth perspectives on migration important? What do they offer to migration discourse and politics?
- What's the significance of revisiting the Istanbul Convention in the context of migration? What are some remaining gaps in GBV prevention, mitigation, and response in migration? And how can these gaps be addressed?

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# EVENT ORGANIZATION

This event is hosted by the Center for Migration and Justice as a part of the "Gender Justice Beyond Borders Leadership Program." The program is supported by the European Network Against Racism (ENAR).

The Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue is part of the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence Campaign by the Center for Migration, Gender, and Justice which commences on November 25, 2021 and includes an educational social media campaign.

The campaign addresses the first annual theme of the Center for Migration, Gender, and Justice's ongoing Spotlight Project "Migration and the EU Gender Equality Strategy (2020-2025)," which was selected as a SDG Good Practice by the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

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